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FM AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9751

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

C O N F I D E N T I A L PHNOM PENH 4586

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E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: AEMR PFOR UK AS CB

SUBJECT: BRITISH CHARGE PONDERES LONDON REACTION TO  
AUSTRIALIAN PULLOUT

1. BRITISH CHARGE, DONALD K. MIDDLETON, TOLD DCM MARCH 13 THAT YESTERDAY HE HAD REPORTED TO LONDON THE AUSTRIALIAN DECISION TO PULL THEIR ENTIRE STAFF OUT OF PHNOM PENH (NOW SET FOR MARCH 15 INSTEAD OF 16). FOREIGN OFFICE HAS NOT YET SENT HIM ANY REACTION ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN A WHOLE WORKING DAY THERE SINCE HE SENT HIS REPORT. HE FRANKLY FEARED THAT THERE WAS A CHANCE THAT HMG, INFLUENCED BY THE AUSTRALIAN DECISION, MIGHT SEND HIM SIMILAR ORDERS ALTHOUGH HE HAD CONCLUDED HIS TELEGRAM WITH A STATEMENT THAT HE (AND HIS DEFENSE ATTACHE) SAW NO VERY RECENT DETERIORATION IN THE MILITARY SITUATION, AND ALTHOUGH HE HAD PURPOSELY REFRAINED FROM ASKING FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

2. MIDDLETON SAID HE WAS NOT PARTICULARLY WORRIED ABOUT REACTION WITHIN THE FOREIGN OFFICE, BUT THAT THERE WAS ALWAYS THE CHANCE THAT SOME OTHER LABOR MINISTER OR MINISTERS MIGHT WISH TO PUSH FOR SOMETHING ALONG THE AUSTRALIAN  
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LINES (NO BREAK IN RELATIONS, BUT MERELY MOVING THE

EMBASSY TO BANGKOK FOR NOW). HIS EMBASSY HAD ALSO BEEN  
DEPENDENT ON THE AUSTRALIANS FOR CERTAIN LOGISTIC SUPPORT.  
IN THAT CONNECTION HE ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE WITH  
DEPLOMATIC POUCH SERVICES (SEPTEL TO DEPT).  
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